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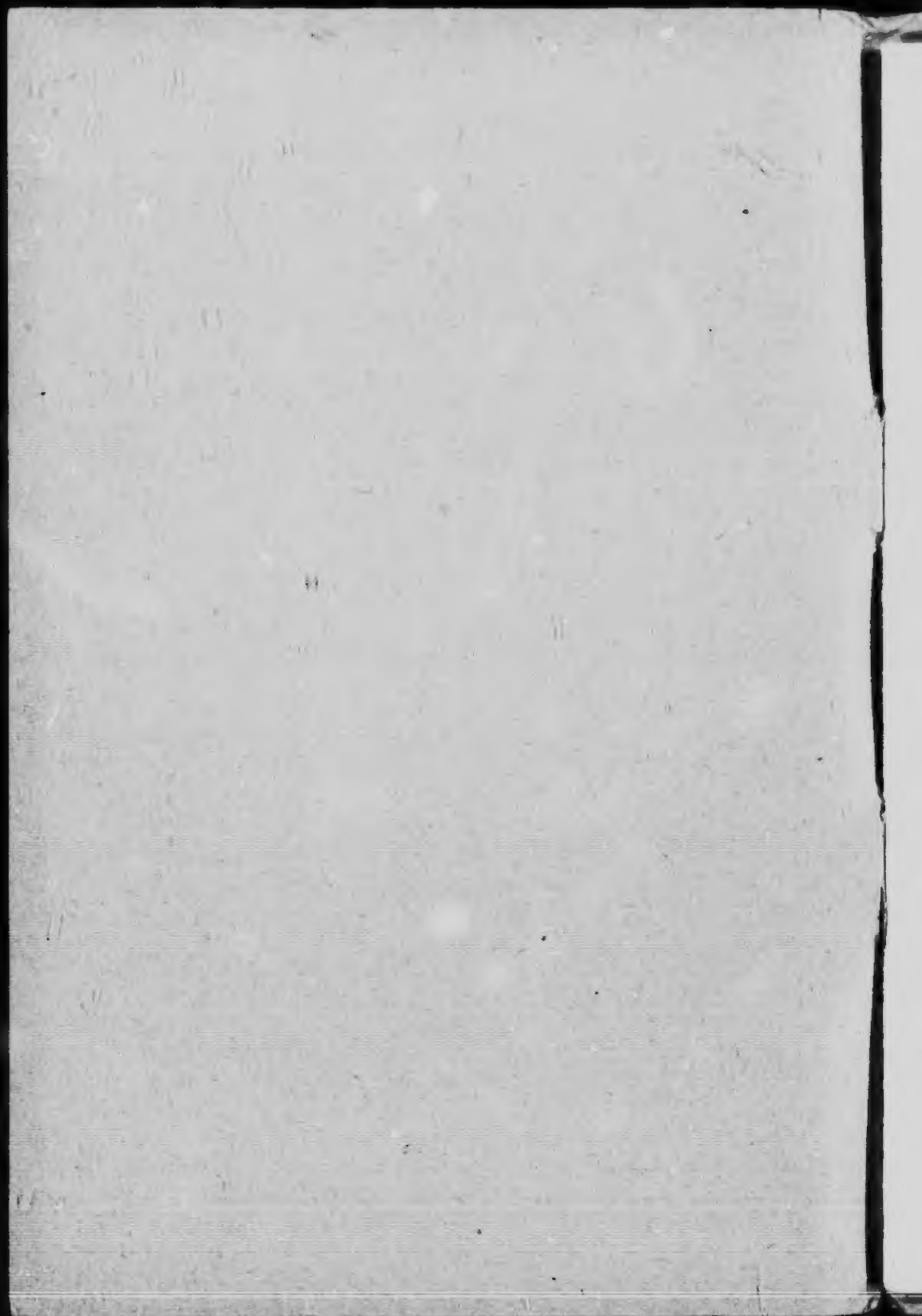
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Victoria City

GREETING FROM VICTORIA, B. C.



THE Tourist Association of Victoria, B. C., Canada, presents this little book for the purpose of making you aware of the unsurpassed attractions which Victoria offers to the summer holiday seeker. The Tourist Association extends to you a cordial invitation to visit Victoria this summer.

LOCATION

The City of Victoria, the capital of British Columbia and the most westerly city in Canada, is situated at the extreme southern end of Vancouver Island, opposite the entrance of the great Puget Sound, and within a few hours' ride of Seattle, Tacoma and other Coast cities. On the



Government Street, Looking North

south and west are the Straits of Juan de Fuca and the Pacific Ocean, and on the east lies that magnificent inland sea, the Gulf of Georgia, which, with its wealth of picturesque islands, out-rivals the more widely known Thousand Isles.

The combination of bold and picturesque country with old-fashioned English homes, their beautiful gardens and air of comfort and contentment, makes Victoria a delightful residential city.

CLIMATE

Victoria has a climate devoid of extremes of heat or cold, and much similar to that of the south of England. There are practically but two seasons, spring and fall; zero weather, sunstrokes and prostrations from the heat are afflictions only known to Victorians through newspaper reports from other parts of the world.

TEMPERATURE

The moderate temperature of the summer season makes Victoria the ideal place for holiday seekers. Her proximity to the Pacific Ocean and the Japan current flowing past her shores, keep the temperature of the winter above freezing. During the summer months the prevailing winds are from the southwest, which, passing over the snow-capped Olympic Mountains and the Straits of Juan de Fuca, are comfortably tempered before reaching the City of Victoria. No day is so hot as to be uncomfortable, and no night so warm as to warrant discarding the blanket. The thermometer rarely registers, even on the hottest days in summer, over 75°. To those who desire to escape from the enervating heat of the middle and eastern states, Victoria's pleasant summer days, soft

sunshine, and bracing breezes offer health to the body and repose to the mind.

SCENERY

It is a common remark of visitors that Victoria's scenic attractions are unexcelled anywhere, and cannot be equalled in the west. Her situation is an ideal one, presenting an enchanting panorama



An Outing on Shawnigan Lake

of changing beauty, rocky shore line and sandy bay, snow-covered mountain heights and undulating plains, peaceful lakes and lagoons and rushing rivers. From Beacon Hill Park can be seen on

one hand the rugged, snow-clad Olympics, and on the other, rising proudly away in the distance beyond the island-studded Straits of Juan de Fuca, the lordly Mount Baker. Space will not permit an adequate description of the gorgeous sunsets, the radiance of a moonlight night on the surrounding waters, the varied and glowing wealth of the vegetation, nor the wild beauty of the mountains as seen from Victoria.

**A TRIP TO VICTORIA, B. C.
EQUALS A FOREIGN TOUR**

Victoria has all the appearances of an English city. Its institutions, buildings, clubs, homes, manners and customs, are of English character. The city has not the hustling business methods, of Chicago, nor the nerve-destroying habits of New York. Conservative business methods, health, happiness and contentment, are the features identified with Victoria. Citizens of the United States visiting Victoria, with its quaint homes and streets, picturesque surroundings, and British institutions, may imagine themselves for the time being enjoying a tour in the British Isles. The city is the capital of British Columbia, having the magnificent Parliament and Government buildings, in the centre, surrounded by beautiful grounds.

RECREATION

For the pleasure seeker, Victoria provides a veritable feast of pastimes. Beautiful parks, boating, yachting, wheeling, driving, mountain climbing, bathing, trout, salmon and other fishing,



A Glimpse of Beacon Hill Park

golf links, athletic sports, shooting, music, and, in fact, every pastime to give the health-seeker and tourist more buoyant strength to equip him for this "strenuous" modern life. Victoria and surroundings are the photographer's Mecca.



Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C.

SOME OF THE MANY PLACES OF INTEREST IN VICTORIA



PARLIAMENT BUILDING

Acknowledged to be one of the handsomest and most imposing structures on the Continent. It is one of the first sights to catch the visitor's eye as he enters the harbour of Victoria. It stands amid

spacious and beautifully kept lawns, the vivid green of which testifies to the mildness of the climate.

GOVERNMENT MUSEUM

Contains a most interesting collection of British Columbia minerals, fossils, and specimens of natural history which should be seen by all. The



Corner of the Museum

finest specimens of moose, elk, etc., may be seen. Here is also found a collection of Indian implements, relics, curios and Totem poles scarcely second to that of the Smithsonian Institution.

ESQUIMALT AND THE NAVAL STATION

The North Pacific depot of His Majesty's navy is situated within four miles of Victoria and is connected by electric cars. This is Britain's Gibraltar



H. M. S. Warspite in Dock at Esquimalt

of the Pacific. No visitor should fail to pay a visit to this immense naval station.

BATTLESHIPS

In Esquimalt harbour are always some of the great battleships, cruisers and torpedo-boat

destroyers of Great Britain's navy, and visitors are not only allowed on board, but are shown every civility by attendants.

MACAULAY POINT

Behind these innocent-looking, green-covered mounds, are concealed the big disappearing guns of the fortifications, which extend over an area of many square miles and command the approach from the Pacific. Near-by are the Work Point barracks, where a large and continually increasing force of soldiers is maintained.



Chinatown, with its Joss Houses, Curio Stores and Oriental Customs, proves interesting to strangers

BEACON HILL PARK

This magnificent park of about 300 acres is situated on the Straits of Fuca, within a few minutes walk of the business portion of the city. It commands grand panoramic views of the snow-capped Olympics, Mount Baker, Race Rock Lighthouse,



Songhees Indian Woman

the San Juan Islands, Clover Point (where Captain Vancouver landed in 1792), the Sooke Mountains, etc. This park contains zoological gardens, large recreation grounds, splendid old "oaks," pretty flowering shrubs, grassy stretches and meadows, shady walks, and beautiful lakes inhabited by gold fish, and by stately swans and other water fowls.

FAR-FAMED GORGE.

This is a natural curiosity, where a huge volume of water dashes at Niagara speed through a narrow channel, alternating in direction according to the change of the tide. The



The Gorge

Victoria Arm, a splendid stretch of water and a continuation of Victoria harbour, leads to the Gorge. Its beautifully wooded banks and promontories dotted with charming residences form a picture of rare beauty. Boating and picnic parties may enjoy themselves here to their heart's content.

OAK BAY PARK

A delightful spot overlooking broad waters, sinuous straits, timbered islands and headlands. Location of Oak Bay Athletic Grounds and Bicycle Race Track. Reached easily by electric cars.



Suburban Drive, Near Goldstream

Space prevents a description of Cadboro Bay and Cordova Bay (charming spots with fine sandy beaches, much beloved of campers and bathers), picturesque Goldstream (embowered in magnificent forests), Sidney (a splendid farming district), and hundreds of other attractive points.

DRIVES

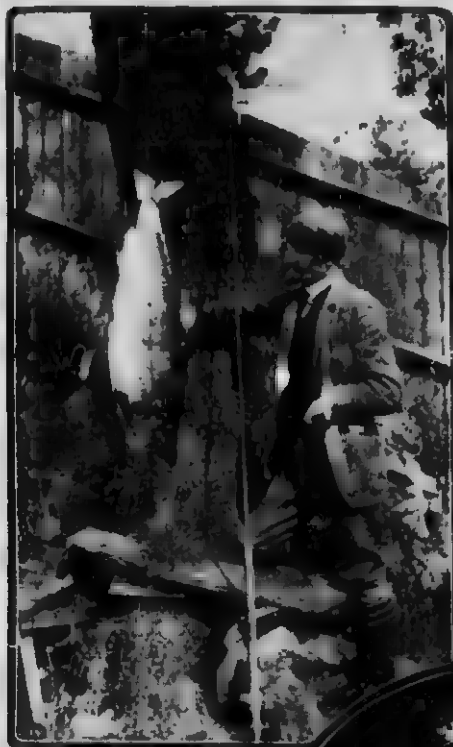
Especial attention is called to the fine drives which extends along the winding and rugged shore lines to all these points, presenting an endless change of mountain, island, forest and water scenery. No finer drives can be found in the world, especially the MOUNT BAKER BEACH DRIVE from the Ocean Docks to Oak Bay, returning by Oak Bay and Rockland Avenues to the city.

The city is well supplied with excellent livery stables where first-class vehicles of all kinds can be had at reasonable rates.

EXCURSIONS

Victoria is the starting point from which innumerable delightful excursions can be made by road, rail and water. The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway affords ready access to Sooke Lake, Shawnigan Lake, Chemainus, where is located the largest and most modern sawmill in British Columbia; Mount Sicker and Mount Richards, an exceptionally rich mining district of principally gold and copper; Crofton, a smelting centre; Nanaimo and Extension, the centre of the coal mining industry of the Coast; Ladysmith, the shipping point of Dunsmuir's great coal mines, a new city situated

on Oyster Harbour and well worth a visit; and many



other points of interest. By the Victoria & Sidney Railway trips can be made through the fine farming district of Saanich to Sidney, and thence by steamer among the bold and forest-clad islands of the Gulf.

SPORTSMEN

Victoria offers unusual attractions. Splendid deep-sea fishing can be had at her doors. All the rivers and such lakes as Sooke, Shawnigan, Prospect,



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Cowichan, and many others are famed alike for

their romantic scenery and the gamey fish with which they teem. Wild ducks, brant, quail, grouse, pheasants, cougar, deer, and bear abound and justly entitle this island to be termed a *Sportsman's Paradise*.

RAILWAY AND STEAM- SHIP CONNECTIONS

Victoria is easy of access. From Victoria a daily steamer connects at Vancouver with the Canadian Pacific Railway, and two daily steamers connect at Seattle and Tacoma with the Northern



Outer Docks

Pacific and Great Northern Railways. The Canadian Pacific Navigation Co.'s and Pacific Coast Steamship Co.'s and other steamers leave Victoria for all Alaska and Yukon points. California (San Francisco) steamers arrive and depart every five days. Victoria is the first and last port of call of the C. P. R. Co.'s palatial China and Japan steamers. All transpacific steamers to and from Seattle and Tacoma make Victoria a port of call. The C. P. R. Co.'s Australian and New Zealand liners arrive and depart semi-monthly, calling at Honolulu.

ROYALTY'S OPINION

A member of the Royal Party (Prince and Princess of Wales), who visited us last summer on their trip around the world, said: "If I could not live in England, I would live in Victoria."

Their Royal Highnesses said that Victoria was the most beautiful place they had seen in the course of their 50,000-mile journey.

Victoria is the Evergreen City of Canada. It supplies California and all southern points on the Coast with holly and other Christmas decorations. There is not a month in the year when flowers cannot be picked in its gardens and when pleasure parties cannot have enjoyable outings.

SALMON AND TROUT FISHING

The lover of sport is never disappointed with his visit to Victoria. There are few places on the continent that afford a chance to land a 70-pound salmon with hook and line, and Victoria is one of these few places.

The many beautiful lakes and streams already referred to in this booklet can be reached on the wheel, or after a short but charming drive over good roads from the city, which adds much to the enjoyment of the outing. The morning train on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway or the Victoria & Terminal Railway will within a few hours enable him to make his "cast" at one of the numerous resorts that readily yield 25 trout to the boat. One gentleman who does not claim to be an expert landed with a fly 255 pounds of trout on Cowichan Lake in three days, while another had a catch with a spoon of 89 pounds in one day. Salmon trolling in the numerous bays around the city is to be had for those who care for it. This excellent fishing for all kinds of brook and lake trout, salmon and black bass is absolutely free to all who care to try their luck.

Information as to where the best kind of fishing is to be obtained during each month of the year, and best kind of fly to use, will be cheerfully given to visitors by The Tourist Association at their office.

WITH RIFLE AND SHOTGUN

The touring sportsman whose chief joy in life is his love for the crack of his own rifle or gun will find Victoria an ideal base of operations. Large and small game abound on Vancouver Island and while it is not usual for a large black bear to walk into the streets of the city looking for trouble, yet



Vancouver Island Elk

it is only a few years ago that one of these shaggy gentlemen was bagged within the city limits and several bears have been shot on the roads leading to Sidney, Sooke and other nearby places. There is excellent small game shooting, particularly black tail deer, pheasant, grouse and quail, within a few miles of Victoria, while duck and geese shooting both in the salt lagoons and fresh water lakes is most excellent. For big game it is necessary to go further into the interior of the Island, but not very far and the places are easy of access. where bear, panther and elk are plentiful.

HOTELS

Victoria possesses ample accommodation for Tourists: Good Hotels with rates ranging from \$5.00 to \$1.00 per day, and comfortable Boarding Houses as low as \$5.00 per week.

Have your mail addressed in care of The Tourist Association, Victoria, B. C., and when in the city do not fail to call at the "Bureau of Information," 34 Fort Street, register, and secure any desired information.

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